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how to obtain.

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Mr. Howland Wood, Curator  
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My dear Mr. Wood:

In searching for illustrations for an article we are planning to use in the Junior Red Cross News on the story of money, Mr. T. T. Belote, Curator, Division of History, U. S. National Museum, referred us to you.

We are anxious to get photographs of early coins, as the story traces the history of money from the days of barter. The author mentions the owl money at Athens, and coins shaped like the articles which had been used as medium of exchange before coinage was begun, such as a fish, an axe or an ear of wheat. The author also suggested that we might get photographs of early Etruscan or Phoenician coins and perhaps some of iron coins. Naturally, we will be glad to give credit to the American Numismatic Society and pay your usual rates.

We will be very grateful if you can help us.

Very sincerely yours,

*Julia Wright Stewart*

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February 8, 1933.

Miss Julia Wright Stewart  
Assistant Editor  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Stewart:

I have been studying your letter for several days and have delayed writing as I wished to talk with our expert on ancient money who has been away. We have no pieces that would answer to just what we think you mean. Most of the crude pieces used in the form of barter are unrepresented in our collection. A good many of them are known only from written descriptions. I would advise you to take what line drawings you can from a book, "The Origin of Metallic Currency" and "Weight Standards" by William Ridgeway, which is in the Library of Congress. It is not a scarce book and may be in other libraries in Washington. Some of the more interesting pieces came out in the *Revue Belge de Numismatique* for the year 1908 in an article by Svoronos entitled "Lecons Numismatiques" p. 293 ff. with plates in the text and at the back, p. 433 ff., and the volume for 1909 p. 113 ff. and p. 389 ff. These illustrations appeared in the *American Journal of Numismatics*, Volume XLIII, 1908 and 1909. The illustrations, however, in the *American Journal* are not as good, as they were reproduced from the *Belgian Journal*. These two publications are also in the Library of Congress. We think it would be far better for you to look these over and pick out which you wish and have photographs either made by them or by your engraver.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



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February 10, 1933

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My dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you so much for your courteous letter of February 8. Our library has already tried a number of times to get "The Origin of Metallic Currency and Weight Standards" by Ridgeway in the Library of Congress, but it seems to be out on permanent loan. However, I have put them now on the trail of the Belgian Review and the copy of the American Journal of Numismatics which you mention, and I hope to find one or another of them in the stacks.

Many thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

*Julia Wright Stewart*

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